

The following information is a synopsis of the Market Research Meeting on Mobile Command Posts and Hazardous Material vehicles hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund/RCRA Regional Procurement Operations Division (SRRPOD) on December 17, 2002. The meeting was held by teleconference and based in EPA Headquarters located in Washington, D.C.

The following individuals attended the meeting:

Government Personnel:

Yvonne Stiso, Contracting Officer

Melissa Onyszko, Contract Specialist

Greg Powell, Project Officer

Tiffany Schermerhorn, Headquarters Procurement Operations Division Contract Specialist

Industry:

Ted Carlson, Mattman Company

Dale Wright, Hunter Manufacturing Company

The purpose of the Market Research Meeting was to determine areas of improvement within the Government's specifications, understand industry practices, and gain information in order to determine the procurement methods available to the Government.

The Government requested companies to submit any commercial pricing information or company websites where information can be found regarding pricing and business practices. (Vendors that did not participate in the meeting can also submit the above information. Please submit any information to onyszko.melissa@epa.gov)

MOBILE COMMAND POST

The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response/Emergency and Remedial Response/Environmental Response Team Center (OSWER/OERR/ERTC) requested information regarding user-friendly vehicles that would serve as mobile offices in the field for emergency response situations lasting up to two weeks. The mobile command posts would be stored in a closed area and would be parked in a parking lot within a mile or two of the site while in use. The mobile command posts would include work stations and have a communications system wired-in. The Government specifications were based on a vehicle produced for the Seattle Region.

Based on the information provided in the Meeting, the Government may consider using a framed aluminum/steel walled shell and a diesel powered engine, versus the fiberglass exterior shell and gasoline powered engine noted in the Government's specifications. Any exceptions to the Government's specifications submitted by contractors in response to any resulting solicitation would be considered by the program office.

The mobile command post was determined to be a commercial item.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS VEHICLES

ERTC requested information regarding hazardous material vehicles that could be driven up to emergency sites in upwind locations. There would be enough storage space in the vehicles for a double-cascade system. The vehicles would have pull-out bays for air monitoring equipment. A mini lab with a hood would be located in the back part of the vehicle. The specifications are based on a modified Union Carbide specification. The Government does not intend to perform anthrax, nerve-agent, or any other work that would contaminate the vehicle. The vehicle would have an air brake system.

The Government would consider using a standard generator instead of a PTO generator.

The hazardous materials vehicle was determined to be a commercial item.

SHIPMENT

ERTC would require two mobile command posts and two hazardous materials vehicles, one of each vehicle for the Cincinnati, Ohio and Las Vegas, Nevada locations.

The Government should expect completion of the vehicle within 90-180 days from receipt of chassis at vehicle manufacturer's location. The delivery date of completed vehicle is based upon availability of chassis. It may take up to four months for manufacturer of vehicle to acquire chassis.

INDUSTRY PRACTICES

The Government may consider making partial payment upon delivery of the chassis to the vehicle manufacturer, with the final payment made upon completion of the vehicle and sign-off of inspection by Government official. The Government would consider a one-year warranty or longer. The Government would require monthly progress reports, operating manuals, and training packages for personnel.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ERTC would require the mobile command posts and hazardous material vehicles in FY 2003, probably within the next 6-8 months. The Government intends to have an acquisition schedule for the vehicles approximately the third week in January.

Any questions or comments should be directed to Melissa Onyszko at 202-564-0362.